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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to curb irregularities committed in the welfare programme for the people belonging to Scheduled Tribes, State-wise;

(b)whether the Government proposes to chalk out any programme to help directly to the beneficiaries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which this programme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a): The Schemes of this Ministry are implemented through the State Governments and a few through the NGOs. The funds under these schemes are released to the Departments in- charge of Tribal Welfare in the State Governments, who are required to ensure that the funds reach the beneficiaries. However, in order to ensure that the funds released by the Ministry are utilized properly and the benefits of the schemes accrue to the tribal people, this Ministry has taken several steps, which include:

(i) Utilisation Certificates are insisted upon as a pre-requisite for further release of funds;

(ii) Periodic progress reports regarding the status of implementation of schemes are obtained;

(iii) Central Government Officers undertake on the spot visits to the States/UTs for ascertaining the progress of implementation of schemes;

(iv) Meetings/conferences are convened at the Central level with State Secretaries of Tribal Welfare Departments to ensure timely submission of proposals, speed up implementation of schemes, and review physical and financial progress;

(v) At the State/field level, the agencies, like, Tribal Advisory Council, Project Implementation Committees of ITDP`s and Panchayat Samitis also monitor timely spending of funds and effective implementation of schemes;

(b) to (d): There is no programme, at present, to directly help the beneficiaries.